Happy New Year

SIR ALEC GUINNESS
actor

SIR HAROLD CACCIA, GCMG
ambassador

STIRLING MOSS, OBE
race car driver

DAME REBECCA WEST
writer

EARL ALEXANDER, OM
statesman

VICTOR PASMORE, CBE
painter

SIR WILLIAM ROOTES
industrialist

These are some of the distinguished people from all walks of life honored in the Queen's New Year's honors list

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Fire Kills Man

An 84-year-old cemetery employee perished last night in a fire which is believed to have started when coal oil was thrown on the kitchen range.

Police said the victim, Egbert Wilson, earlier yesterday had his eyebrows singed off when the stove exploded from the same cause. In reply to warnings against the dangerous practice, the victim said: "Next time I'll stand farther back."

LIVED ALONE

Mr. Wilson lived alone in the four-room frame house on the property of Hatley Memorial Gardens in Colwood. The house was destroyed. He had no known relatives.

The fire was burning with such intensity when firemen arrived that they were unable to recover the body immediately. The victim was found lying on the kitchen floor.

WELL PUMPED DRY

Fire chief Richard M. Emery of Colwood volunteer fire department said the alarm was turned in at 8.40 p.m. Fourteen firemen used all the 800-gallon water supply carried on two fire trucks, then pumped a nearby well dry, in their efforts to "cool the place off enough to recover the body." The nearest hydrant was half a mile distant.

The 75-year-old house was to have been torn down in the next two months.

Rebels Threat Fails

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — A desperate rebel attempt to slice Cuba in two and pose a direct threat to Havana has faded under government firepower. The army said it had the rebels on the run at Santa Clara and surrounding Las Villas province in central Cuba.

Here's Wishing You a Happy New Year

Land's sake, has a whole year gone by already? asks Debra Plant who became one year old at 29 minutes after midnight this morning. Debra's all at sea because today she has to relinquish crown she won by being first baby to appear on Greater Victoria scene in 1958. She's also a little bit swamped under sailor hat of her daddy, PO William Plant, 861 Tillicum.—(Colonist photo.)

New Year's List

Actors, Athletes, Sages, Statesmen Honored by Queen

LONDON (CP)—The Order of Merit, one of the most exclusive of British honors, is bestowed on Earl Alexander of Tunis in the Queen's New Year's honors list.

Alec Guinness, man of many faces in the movies, is made a knight. The Queen conferred honors on more than 2,000 of her subjects in the traditional New Year's list.

Peerages went to Sir William Rootes, the car manufacturer, and Sir James Turner, president of the National Farmers Union. Both become barons.

LIMITED TO 24

The Order of Merit bestowed on Lord Alexander, former governor-general of Canada and wartime commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean, is limited to 24 members. Its roster includes Sir Winston Churchill, John Masefield, Dr. Albert Schweitzer and, as an honorary member, President Eisenhower.

Lord Alexander is in hospital near London following the recurrence of a heart attack suffered in October on a visit to Canada.

BLIND SINCE BIRTH

A CBE, Commander of the Order of the British Empire went to Prof. Charles MacInnes, blind since birth and a native of Calgary, who retired a year ago as professor of imperial history at Bristol University.

Wing Cmdr. Kenneth Bell of Montreal received an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire). Another recipient of the OBE was the sports car racing driver, Stirling Moss, who is married to the former Kathy Molson of Montreal.

Besides Guinness, star of the academy award-winning movie, Bridge on the River Kwai, other arts world figures honored included writer Rebecca West and Michael Somes, principal dancer of the Royal Ballet.

Miss West received a dame commandership in the Order of the British Empire, equivalent to a knighthood.

GOT CBE

Somes, partner of Dame Margot Fonteyn, got a CBE along with actor George Relph and painters Oscar Kokoschka and Victor Pasmore.

Sir Kenneth Clark, chairman of the arts council, became a Companion of Honor, an order limited to 65 persons.

In sports, Irish international rugby star Jackie Kyle, and Mrs. Mary Halford, captain of Britain's successful Wightman Cup tennis team, received the OBE.

Col. Sir Godfrey Llewellyn, organizing committee chairman of the British Empire Games at Cardiff, Wales, last July, received a baronetcy, a hereditary knighthood.

WEST HONORED

Among the armed forces awards was a knight commandership in the Order of the Bath to Lt.-Gen. Michael West, commander of the Commonwealth Division in Korea.

Twenty-nine new United Kingdom knights included Aubrey Burke, managing director of the de Havilland Aircraft Company and one of the men behind the firm's Comet jet airliner.

PUBLISHER HONORED

In publishing, Viscount Kemsley, chairman of the newspaper group, became a knight grand cross of the Order of the British Empire.

An OBE went to Dr. Louis Essen, scientist who designed the "quartz clock" used for measurements in the U.S. satellite and missile programs.

Sir Harold Caccia, British ambassador in Washington, was created a knight grand cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (GCMG).

LESSER PERSONS

Although bulk of the honors went to leaders in art, sport, politics, science and industry, the Queen did not forget to recognize the work of many lesser known persons—including factory workers, a lighthouse keeper, and housewives active in social work.

No Paper Friday

Next regular editions of The Daily Colonist will be published Saturday morning. There will be no regular editions Friday morning as the Colonist staff observes the New Year's holiday today.

CBC Heads Meeting TV Strikers

MONTREAL (CP) — Top executives of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation were reported Wednesday night in a meeting with representatives of television producers, whose walkout has disrupted normal operations of the publicly-owned organization.

Stork Stalls First Baby

The stork was off to a slow start in the new year as neither Victoria hospital was able to claim birth of 1959's first baby by press time this morning.

First baby of the year traditionally is rewarded with a score of presents donated by city merchants.

Readers Busy, Generous in 1958

Happy New Year to thousands of Colonist readers and hearty congratulations for a year just chock-full of good works and healthy activity.

Do you realize just how much you did?

Well, you gave more than $11,000 to Greater Victoria's 500 neediest families via the Colonist 500 Christmas Fund.

You shared your thousands of glorious blooms with the sick and sometimes friendless persons in hospitals and nursing homes by participating in the Colonist Share the Flowers plan.

You made it possible for hundreds of boys and girls to spend safe and sane holidays by supporting the Colonist-free swim classes.

You had a wonderful season of fishing and enhanced the pleasure of your healthy, outdoor activity by entering 16,000 of your catches in the world's biggest fishing derby—the Colonist King Fisherman Contest.

And you wound up the rich, full year — scores of you — by giving Victoria's mild winters an additional publicity boost when you participated in the Colonist's Christmas Tree golf tournament.

This newspaper is the sponsor of all these community projects and its name appears in all the publicity but the Colonist realizes that 99 per cent of any paper is its subscribers and readers.

'Little Europe' Sextet Open Common Market

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Trade barriers in "Little Europe" started to topple at midnight Wednesday as a new consumer market of 165,000,000 persons began to operate.

The six Common Market partners—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg—will drop all internal customs barriers over the next 14 years.